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***Memorandum***

TO: King County Healthcare Providers and King County Residents

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SUBJECT: Updated guidelines for LTBI (latent TB infection) services provided by TB Control Program

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In addition to the service we provide for patients with active TB disease, TB Control Program provides the following LTBI (latent TB infection) services.

**Tuberculin skin test (TST) for:**

1. Close contacts of a recent infectious TB case (TB exposure within the past 2 years)
2. TB suspects, including immigrants with "Class B" status (CXR abnormalities consistent with pulmonary TB, identified through immigration process)

\* In addition, we perform "reading of tuberculin skin test (TST)" for refugees whose TST is placed by the Refugee Health Program

**CXR for:**

1. Close contacts who are
  - (A) TST positive, or
  - (B) severely-immunocompromised requiring window period prophylaxis (i.e. child under 5 y.o., HIV, organ transplant, receiving the equivalent of 15mg/day or more of prednisone for 1 month or longer, or equivalent immunosuppressive medications).
2. Close contacts that are symptomatic, regardless of TST result.
3. Symptomatic patients with TB Clinic Provider's approval on an individual basis.

**INH for: *individuals with latent TB infection who are also:***

1. Contacts of a recent infectious case (TB exposure occurred within the past 2 years)
  - \* Close contacts that are homeless can be seen through Downtown Satellite TB Clinic
2. Persons with Class B status or refugees who have not established a primary care provider.
3. Transfers from other jurisdiction or prison system for continuation of LTBI treatment